

Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



May/June 2020

Letter from our President

I am sitting and thinking of what I should say in the newsletter with so much uncertainty around me. I wonder what will be next and when we will actually be able to visit with friends. I hope everyone is staying home during this time of change and ultimately staying safe until the transition to our new normal. I am anxious to be together in person soon, but if not, then at least be able to virtually interact with everyone.

Since we have been self-distancing and not out of our homes for approximately 4 weeks, I would like to think everyone is keeping in touch with those that are isolated or by themselves. Because we are home-bound and in a time of uncertainty, I hope you still see the beauty in spring flowers and the plants coming to life each and every day.

I am trying to use my time wisely and hope you are also. I am working to take care of all the “I’ll get to that” projects and have completed many. My biggest “to-do” is to organize and clean the “hoarders” sewing room. I isolate myself in that room every day, but it is undoubtedly not my favorite activity and is going very slow. Cleaning out that room is certainly a career opportunity for me which was way overdue.

Keep you chins up and look to the future with optimism and confidence things will only get better in time. Till then, Dawn Watson, President



57th Annual Woodlawn Needlework Show and Sale

Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey is currently closed because of the Coronavirus outbreak. The show will be extended once they are able to open. If you want to keep checking the site for when they open their web site is:

www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/annualneedleworkshow

We have some members that entered and won awards. I wish I could put pictures with the comments but they are not available.

- Kathy F—Honorable Mention in smocking**
- Joyce R—2nd place in smocking**
- Marlene M –3rd place in smocking**

Spectrum of Fashion Tour Cancelled

The Spectrum of Fashion tour at the Maryland Historical Society originally set for Thursday, May 7 is cancelled. Hopefully, we will be able to reschedule at a later date.

The Anne Arundel County Libraries will be closed until at least June 8th.

Our chapter will have our first ZOOM meeting on May7th at 6:00pm. This is a test only meeting to make sure you know how to connect. You will receive an email from Sandy with instructions that will include a link with the meeting id and a password. It's very simple to access. You will receive another email with the information for the May14th meeting.



Have you seen the current Smock-A-Long on the SAGA website? It is a beautiful, beaded, Christmas ornament by Barbara Meger. You will need to log in to your account and the instructions are under the Education tab.

Caring for Your Treasures*

Barbara Meger

You spent countless hours and an untold amount of money creating a special garment. What to do when that garment is outgrown or no longer appeals? No doubt you consider it a treasure and hope that one day someone will discover and appreciate all that went into it. How do you make sure that it will just as fresh and lovely as the day you packed it away? Here are some do's and don'ts for textile storage. Remember they are just as applicable to your stash of fabrics/trims/laces (what designer and SAGA teacher Kathy Dykstra refers to as her "Resource Center") as they are to your precious garments.

Preparation.

First of all, the item should be clean and completely free from body oils, food spills, etc. Insect critters love such treats, and unseen stains can deteriorate and discolor the fabric over time. Do *not* use starch, another favorite critter treat. You can also skip ironing before storage because it can add stress to the fabric. Remove pins or any other metal that may be in contact with the fabric because it can rust over time. The same goes for rubber bands which quickly dry out and rot.

Where to store?

Textiles are just as sensitive to humidity, heat, cold and light as we are. Select an area where you, yourself, would be comfortable: not the attic, the basement or a storage shed. For flat storage, under the bed or a closet shelf is good. Items that can be hung will be happy tucked into an extra closet.

Flat storage.

All textiles need protection from the environment: light, air, moisture, etc. This means they need to be either enclosed or covered. That cedar chest passed down from your great-aunt Ida isn't going to work, though. All wood products, including paper and cardboard, are acidic and cause damage to textiles over time. Acid-free paper and storage boxes have been engineered for textile storage. Muslin or old *clean* sheets also work as wrappings. Even though the item is covered, it still needs to breathe. This rules out plastic dry cleaner bags and plastic storage bags in general. There are inert plastic storage boxes and bins on the market that are marked as being of archival quality.

Keep the item as flat as possible. Avoid creases which can stress and cause areas of wear on the fabric. Flat items can be rolled. If it is necessary to fold, say, in order to fit into a box, then pad the fold with layers of acid-free tissue. Add crumpled acid-free tissue to puffed sleeves or any other areas of fullness which may need support. Don't crowd too many items into the same box.

Hanging storage.

Hanging storage is only suitable if the weight of the item is not going to put stress on its upper portion. The fabric should be stable. A lace garment is too fragile to hang for any length of time. Use padded hangers to support the shoulders of a garment. Wire hangers are acceptable only if they have been well padded with batting. Use garment bags made from muslin or drape an old *clean* sheet over the item for protection.

Documentation.

Finally, add a label to the box or to each item as it is stored: who made it, when it was made, for what purpose, etc. Someday, someone will be so grateful you took the time to do this. Remember to use a pencil and acid-free paper for this provenance.

Committees and Chairpersons for 2020

New Committee Chairmen for October 2019 through September 2020

COMMITTEE	CHAIR—updates
Budget	Kelli Fox
Convention Basket	
Education	Lindsay Carroll
Facilities	
Historian	
Hospitality	Cheryl Brown
Librarian	Mitzi Mariella
Library Display	Lizzette Smith
Co-Builder Opportunities	Mary Margaret Kasulke/Joan Messinger (see page 5)
Membership	Lindsay Carroll
Newsletter	Sandy Suhrie—next newsletter will go out in September
Programs	Carolyn Dalton -
Publicity	Mary Beth Russell
Retreat	Jo Shaw
Show and Share	Marlene Mehn
Sit and Stitch	Joyce Ross
Website	Carolyn Dalton
Wee Care Public Service	Joyce Ross and Sandy Suhrie—(see Page 6)

June— End of year Pot Luck—More info at a later date.

September—Pleater Maintenance (Barbara Meger)

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Something to look forward to when we meet again -  
**2020 Co-Builder Opportunities**

As we progress through this new calendar-year we are not sure when our next face to face get-together meeting will be, but the opportunity basket will be our originally planned March list as printed below.

**Our Next Co-Builder Opportunity:**

- The Busy Mother's Guide to Children's Clothes* by Nancy Coburn
- A set of gift-wrap *Victorian Romance* by Judith Baker Montano
- An assortment of Patty Young designer pins.
- Needles—John James and Richard Hemming
- A Sew Beautiful* dress pin – Donated by **Martha Sykora**
- Storage Sewing Boxes
- DMC box of primary color floss (direct import) 36 skeins

**And a special surprise has just been added!!! (Thank you, Lindsay)**

When we do meet again, please come and look at our co-builder table and see for yourself. Remember all donations go to our educational programs for the Chapter.

Mary Margaret Kasulke and Joan Messinger

*Wee Care Committee*

Dear C.T. members, We started in September with 148 sets given out to members. As of May, we still have many gowns not turned in. Please do your best to get your gowns completed and returned to Joyce or Sandy. You may drop them off or put them in the mail to one of us. We need to have all gowns returned to us before the end of May. Please include the bonnet or cap that was included in your set. We send complete sets to the hospitals. If you don't turn in a complete set then we smock bonnets and stitch caps to make a set.

Reports are due to SAGA in early June. We distribute them to the hospitals as soon as we send in our report. Please keep in mind when returning your gowns —when we get your completed gowns all of them get pressed and re-packaged for the hospitals. We put a card in the bag with our points of contact and that the gown came from our chapter and we label them by size and gender. Some gowns need to be washed, threads need to be trimmed, etc. We sort them all by size and distribute them to four hospitals. If you embroider on a gown, please remove all stabilizers from the gown or we will need to do it. All of this takes time to get completed. Working with 150 gowns can be very time consuming.

There are still a number of gowns and buntings that were given out in 2018/2019 that have not been returned. Please check your projects and make sure they have not been lost with another project.

Thank you for your assistance in this community project. The hospitals really appreciate all the gowns and items given to them and we know it is a great comfort to the families who receive them. We have some very beautiful gowns that have been completed by our chapter.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOAN MESSENGER!

Some members of our chapter surprised Joan on her 90th birthday. They drove to Joan's and everyone stood at an acceptable distance holding signs. Joan received a birthday cake and everyone sang happy birthday.



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Look for "Chesapeake Treasures Smocking Guild" on **Facebook** and our new website [www.chesapeaketreasures.org](http://www.chesapeaketreasures.org) Contact Carolyn Dalton if you want to add something to the website.

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Meeting Location is at Crofton Library  
1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD

Business Meetings precede the General Meeting, starting at 5:45.  
**All AACO libraries are closed until at least June 8th.**

There are no meetings during July and August. Meetings resume in September.

### Birthdays

May 3- Terry Faber  
4- Kathy Furth  
6 - Dotty Holoubek  
9 - Sally Nold  
16 - Marlene Mehn  
25 - Barbara Johnson  
- Jean Andres

June 2 - Bonnie Holland  
4 - Sandy Suhrie  
11 - Martha Sykora  
19 - Jo Shaw  
22 - Joyce Ross



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Thank you to all that donated articles for the newsletter. Remember, when sending articles for the newsletter, please do your submissions in Microsoft Word. When you send info in an email it has to be retyped. In your email to Sandy, fringes51@gmail.com, please put Chesapeake Treasures Newsletter in the subject line. The next newsletter will go out about September 1, 2020. Plan to have any submissions to Sandy by August 29, 2020.



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We will be happy to reciprocate.

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**“Our purpose is to preserve and foster the art of smocking and related needlework for future generations, through education, communication, and quality workmanship.”**

[www.smocking.org](http://www.smocking.org)

#### When and Where we meet:

The Chesapeake Treasures Chapter meets at 5:45pm (business meeting precedes the general meeting) on the 2nd Thursday of the month at

**Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD**

At each meeting there is a show and share, business meeting, a program or demonstration and always refreshments.

Should there be inclement weather, please check the library site to see if they are open or call **410-222-7915** <https://www.aacpl.net/location/crofton>

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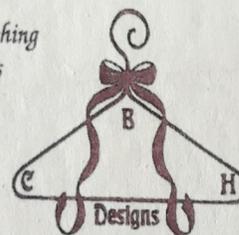
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